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Claims Amendments

Please cancel claims 12-14 and 19-22.

1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) Process for the preparation of the facial isomer of tris(8-oxoquinoline)aluminum(III) (Alq_3), comprising the step of heating $\alpha\text{-Alq}_3$ in solid phase at atmospheric pressure at a temperature equal to or higher than 350°C but lower than 420°C , to obtain a mixture of $\gamma\text{-Alq}_3$ and $\delta\text{-Alq}_3$ both containing the facial isomer of Alq_3 .

10. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 9, further comprising a step of suspending said mixture in an organic solvent and keeping said suspension at ambient temperature thereby $\gamma\text{-Alq}_3$ of said mixture is transformed in $\delta\text{-Alq}_3$.

11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 10, wherein said organic solvent is acetone.

12 - 16 (Canceled).

17 (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of $\delta\text{-Alq}_3$ comprising the steps of:

- heating $\alpha\text{-Alq}_3$ in solid phase at atmospheric pressure at a temperature equal to or higher than 350°C but lower than 420°C , thereby a mixture of $\gamma\text{-Alq}_3$ and $\delta\text{-Alq}_3$ is obtained;

- suspending the mixture in an organic solvent, and

- keeping the suspension at ambient temperature thereby the $\gamma\text{-Alq}_3$ is transformed in $\delta\text{-Alq}_3$.

18. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 17, wherein said organic solvent is acetone.

19 - 22 (Canceled).